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Uinta County Herald story: Firefighter in stable condition after injury during Tokewanna fire

A Firefighter was transported to Salt Lake City and is in stable condition after being injured while fighting the Tokewanna fire 15 miles south of Mountain View. A community meeting is planned for Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Mountain View High School, where officials will answer questions and update the community about the fire, which has burned more than 1,200 acres in Uinta County and has destroyed eight structures.

Here is a press release just issued by the incident management team:

The Tokewanna Fire is burning in grasses, mixed conifer timber stands, pine beetle weakened trees, and heavy dead and down fuels 15 miles south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting has been observed in areas of the fire. While ensuring firefighter and public safety, crews are constructing direct hand and bulldozer lines along the southwest, west, and northwest perimeters of the Tokewanna Fire. Supported by aviation resources, crews are working to build direct and indirect fireline along the northern and southern perimeters of the fire heading east from County Road 271.

The Tokewanna Fire is being managed as a full-suppression fire, has burned 1252 acres, and destroyed eight structures. The Tokewanna Fire is five percent contained and burning predominantly on private lands. Fire investigators have arrived and are currently investigating the cause of the fire. One firefighter was injured on July 29, 2016, transported to a hospital in Salt Lake City, and is in stable condition.

At 6:00 a.m. on July 30, 2016 the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team Black assumed command of the Tokewanna Fire.

There is a community meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Mountain View High School, Mountain View, Wyoming.

